

Great Men . . .

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2) Great Men and 3) Conclusions.

Under the first category, youngsters asked themselves a) what do we know now, b) what do we want to know, c) How shall we find out, and d) How shall we organize and classify our findings.

Write Letters
In addition to reading about great men and then discussing them, Mrs. Long's pupils wrote to outstanding individuals to

get their opinions regarding greatness.

One of the students, Robert Dias, wrote to President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

While Robert did not receive a specific reply from the President, he did receive the following note from Sherman Adams, presidential assistant:

"Dear Robert: Thank you for your letter to the president. Because he receives many requests for personal statements on various subjects he finds it impossible to respond to them. Never-

theless, he does appreciate your friendliness in writing to him. Sincerely, (s) Sherman Adams."

Wayne Jackson and Kathy Faller decided to write Torrance's Mayor Albert Isen and R. J. H. Hull, Torrance superintendent of schools, for their opinions.

"I would like your opinion on what makes a man great," Wayne wrote the mayor.

"I happen to think you are a very great man in the field of education," Kathy wrote Dr. Hull. "I thought it was very good. I heard one of your speeches and I thought it was very good."

Dr. Hull and Mayor Isen both answered. Their replies may be read on page (Next week: Qualities of Great-

Advertising Agency Named By Merchants

John Popovich & Associates, 1733 Border ave., has been chosen as the advertising agency for the Downtown Retail Merchants Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The new agency has been named to coordinate the advertising promotion for local merchants.

Popovich, who heads the firm, is a native of Torrance. Prior to opening the agency he was in the newspaper field.

He studied social science and advertising at the University of California at Santa Barbara. Associated with him is John Stuteville, merchandising and marketing consultant.

Mayor, School Superintendent State Views Regarding What Makes a Man Great

(Editor's note: Pupils in Mrs. Mary Long's class at Seaside elementary school, used as one of their projects "What Makes a Man Great?" Among other things, they sought the opinion of outstanding individuals. Following are replies received from Mayor Albert Isen and School Superintendent J. H. Hull, both of Torrance. Letters were requested by Wayne Jackson and Kathy Faller, respectively.)

Dear Wayne:-
Thank you for your letter that we received here on Friday, requesting our opinion as to what makes a man great.

As you know, Wayne, all great men are not registered in history books for greatness is in each one of God's creatures.

No doubt patience, sympathy and understanding are characteristics of all people of greatness. Yet at the same time, a great man expends his efforts with sincerity to complete every task.

Ordinarily he complains not because of the heavy burdens of his duties.

He strives mightily and zealously in the pursuit of duty and he is joyful in the sacrifice toward the betterment of others.

He shirks not his responsibilities in indifference and earnestly concerns himself and actively labors for the betterment of all mankind.

Sincerely yours,
(s) Albert Isen
Mayor

Dear Kathy:

You have raised an interesting question in your well-written letter of February 29.

Greatness in men very often is only discovered when they have had sufficient challenge in prominent places to prove their greatness. Among our presidents, historians seem to classify as great only some few of those who served their country in this capacity, at a time where there was a crisis such as a major war to test their qualities of leadership.

In education today probably the greatest are unknown because they are not in the public eye, and are still living. Education is a profession in which people serve their fellow man without thought of reward or personal glory. These people are dedicated and sincere often have qualities of leadership seldom seen in public office.

Educational scholars have studied problems for many years seeking the answers to learning problems. Some have achieved more prominence than others. John Dewey and Thorndyke are two well-known men in the general field of education and psychology. Their findings were not as dramatic to human life as were those of Dr. Salk or Louis Pasteur.

To have the good fortune to have the spark of greatness is one thing. To be fortunate enough to have it come to the attention of the world is another thing, and to have the chance to prove it under sustained pressure of public scrutiny is still another thing.

Many men commonly considered great have been made great by people around them; others have made the people around them great because of the qualities of leadership they possess.

Many unsung heroes have performed miraculously to serve their fellow man without ever having been noticed by biographers, newspapers, or the public in any prominent way.

These things all tend to limit recognized greatness

to a matter of definition, a matter of opportunity, and a matter of unique qualities of the moment as well as of timing.

To use one's talents effectively is important perhaps, but to use them effectively under fire, with sustained effort, on long range objectives, and then to stand the test of time and come out looking like a great man under the critical eye of centuries of scrutiny of human evaluation requires unique traits of character, good timing, good judgment and moral integrity than most people.

I suggest you read the book, "Mentor Graham, The Man Who Taught Lincoln," by Kungunde Duncan and D. T. Nichols, and then make a guess as to how many great educators there are.

Greatness in education can best be determined in looking for people who lived before 1900. Those who live today can only be guessed at. Jesus, Socrates, Plato, and many more were great teachers.

Which brings me to the question, "What do you mean by great people in the field of education?" I'm sure you will agree that there have been many, including mothers and fathers we'll never hear about, which raised the question, "Which one is great? The man, or the parents, teacher or friends, or grandparent who gave him the training, the interest and took time to help mold the character upon which he built his greatness.

Yours very truly,
(s) J. H. Hull

P.S.—This raises a good question—"Is a man who performs important service to humanity great, whether it's known or unknown service? What does the fact that it was done under public observation decide for us?"

Talking About Pvt. Kimble The Weather Qualifies as Rifle Expert

BY MARK EUBANK

Partly cloudy today but mostly sunny in the afternoon. A little cooler tomorrow. There is a possibility of some showers next week. High today near 70.

For the past week in Torrance the skies have remained cloudy in the morning and evenings hours but with mostly sunny skies in the afternoon. This is typical spring weather for Southern California and it should continue off and on until nearly the end of June.

The temperature last Monday at my weather station was 120. This, however, was not the true temperature of the air. It was the temperature of the sun's rays. I had left one of my thermometers out in the sun and it had risen to nearly the top of the scale. The true air temperature was only 79.

The temperature in the sunlight usually varies between 20 to 40 degrees higher than the temperature in the shade. All Weather Bureau temperatures are taken in the shade and never in the sun.

UNIVAC, an electronic computer, predicted two months

Pvt. Lewis F. Kimble, son of Lewis M. Kimble, 26503 Leesdale ave., Lomita, recently qualified as expert in firing the M1 rifle at Fort MacArthur, Calif. Kimble, whose wife, Shirley, lives at 2016 262nd st., Lomita, is a radar operator in Battery B of the 451st Antiaircraft Artillery battalion at March Air Force base.

He entered the Army in March, 1955 and completed basic training at Fort Bliss, Tex.

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